GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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UTILIZATION OF NARMADA AND TAPTI RIVER WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted any plan for utilisation of Narmada and Tapti river water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any plan to link both rivers ; and

(d) if so, by when the same is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) As reported by Government of Gujarat, the Narmada watersare being utilised as per the Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal Award and Government of Gujarat has notsubmitted any proposal for utilisation of Narmada and Tapi river water to Central Government.

(c) & (d) The Ministry of Water Resources, then known as the Ministry of Irrigation, formulated a National Perspective Plan for water resources development in 1980 which envisages inter linkages among Peninsular Rivers and Himalayan Rivers for transferring water from water surplus basins to water deficit areas for optimum utilisation of water resources. The Government of India established the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) in1982 as an autonomous society to carry out water balance and other studies and prepare feasibility reports. NWDA has identified 30 links under the National Perspective Plan for preparation of the feasibility reports and has completed feasibility reports of 6 links under Peninsular Component. One of these links is Par − Tapi − Narmada link for which feasibility report has been prepared. The proposal envisages transfer of surplus water from west flowing rivers south of Narmada namely Par, Auranga, Ambica and Purna to water deficit areas in north Gujarat. As per the milestone prepared by the Government, implementation of inter − linking proposals is scheduled for completion by 2016.